

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for November 12:

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#### PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON FUTURE OF WASATCH MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

The Division of Utah State Parks and Recreation is developing a resource management plan (RMP) for Wasatch Mountain State Park. The RMP will identify issues relating to public use, resource management and future development at the park and will make recommendations to guide park managers for the next 10 years.

The next Wasatch Mountain State Park planning meeting is scheduled at the following location:

November 25, 2008 - 7:00 PM, Soldier Hollow Day Lodge (across parking lot from the Soldier Hollow Golf Course Clubhouse), 1370 West Soldier Hollow Lane, Midway, Utah.

It is important for users of the park and other concerned citizens to assist in the development of the plan. To help accomplish this, Utah State Parks hosts its second of two meetings to introduce the planning process and to obtain public input into the future management of the park. At this meeting state park planners will give a presentation on the planning process and will lead those attending in an exercise to identify and prioritize issues relating to the park.

Members of the community, park visitors, and other interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact state parks planner Rock Smith at (801) 538-7207.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) should contact Wendy Griffith at (801) 538-7362 at least five working days before the meeting.

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#### REPRESENTATIVES SOUGHT FOR BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Salt Lake -- Utah State Parks and Recreation is currently seeking representatives to serve on the Utah Boating Advisory Council, and to specifically represent the interests of youth and personal watercraft (PWC) users. Applications will be accepted through Monday, December 15.

Individuals are appointed to the Boating Advisory Council for a period of four years and must be familiar with general boat operation, basic navigation rules, basic boating safety equipment and have a general knowledge of all aspects of boating.

The youth member must be 16 to 21 years old and have a valid Utah driver's license. The PWC member must be at least 21 years old and have a valid driver's license.

"The Utah Boating Advisory Council represents various boating interests in the state," commented Boating Coordinator Dave Harris. "The council gives its input and recommendations on state boating policies, laws and rules to the Division's Boating Program staff and the Board of Utah State Parks and Recreation."

The seven-member council consists of individuals representing the interests of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, sailing and non-powered craft, wildlife and outdoor recreation associations, marine dealers, personal watercraft, river runners, and a youth member.

For more information or to apply for an open Boating Advisory Council position, please contact Boating Program Coordinator Dave Harris at [daveharris@utah.gov](mailto:daveharris@utah.gov) or at (801) 538-7341.

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#### STATE PARK OF THE WEEK: CORAL PINK SAND DUNES STATE PARK

Kanab -- Rippling arcs of rust-colored sand welcome you as you enter Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. Contrasted by blue skies, juniper and pinion pines, and steep red cliffs, the park is a wonderful place for camping, photography, off-highway vehicle riding, and playing in the sand. As the only major sand dune field on the Colorado Plateau, this park is a unique geologic feature that should not be missed.

Camp under a blanket of stars for \$16 per night or enjoy a day visit for \$6 per car with up to eight occupants. Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park is located 22 miles northwest of Kanab on Sand Dunes Road. For more information visit [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov) or call 877-UT-PARKS.

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#### UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

December 1 - January 31      Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse  
Art Exhibit: Enjoy the paintings of artist Kathleen Vander Linden on display in the visitor center art gallery. (801) 725-9263

December 1      Territorial Statehouse State Park and Museum - Fillmore  
Old Fashioned Family Christmas: Celebrate Christmas by making old fashioned Christmas ornaments, listening to stories, and learning pioneer dances. Refreshments are served. (435) 743-5316

December 1 - 6      Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - Fairfield  
Gift Shop Christmas: Looking for an unusual or original present for a special someone this holiday season? Visit Camp Floyd State Park and Museum gift shop and find items including historic games, stamp and coin sets for collectors, plus a large selection of books on cooking, ghost towns, and the Civil War. Enjoy a 10% discount on purchases December 1 to 6. (801) 768-8932.

December 8      Iron Mission State Park Museum - Cedar City  
Christmas at the Homestead: Christmas at the Homestead is a wonderful opportunity to experience Christmas activities in a pioneer environment. Immerse yourself in Christmas traditions from the past that the whole family can enjoy. (435) 586-9290

December 9      Iron Mission State Park Museum - Cedar City  
Children's Story Time: The second Tuesday of every month is story time at Iron Mission State Park Museum. Bring your children for a free afternoon of fun. (435) 586-9290

Photos: Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park

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